

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JERRY McNULTY

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of James Gerard McNulty Jr., who passed away on May 23, 2021. Jerry was committed to improving western Virginia through volunteer and charitable work.

Jerry was born on October 12, 1938 in Binghamton, New York to Elise and James McNulty. After graduating from Michigan Tech University, he moved to western Virginia with his wife Colleen. He worked at General Electric in Salem, where he led the Drives Systems division.

I first came to know Jerry through his involvement with the Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association. Other causes and organizations to which he devoted his time and support included the Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club, Lake Christian Ministries, and the Smith Mountain Lake Homes Tour. A 2016 story in the local Laker Weekly profiled Jerry and Colleen's generous support of their neighbors through Lake Christian Ministries' food pantry, helping to feed those in need in the area.

Jerry's survivors include his wife of 60 years, Colleen; his children, Kate McNulty and spouse, Jeff Johnson, Lori McNulty and husband, Ernie Sigala, Terry McNulty, and Michael McNulty and wife, Mandy; his grandchildren, Justin Johnson, Ciaran McNulty, Logan Pope, Sable McNulty, Caitlin McNulty, Sophia McNulty, and Indy McNulty; and his siblings Mary Gillette, Kay McNulty, John McNulty and wife, Lorraine, Gene McNulty and spouse, Kathy, and Terry Blood. I offer them my condolences on their loss.

IN RECOGNITION OF G. HENRY COOK

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize G. Henry Cook as he is inducted into the Greater Johnstown/Cambria County Business Hall of Fame, which honors leaders who have contributed to our region's economic development and community enrichment.

Throughout his life, Mr. Cook has dedicated his time and efforts to serving his neighbors and our region. He joined Somerset Trust Company in 1972, and served as its president from 1988 to 2017. Mr. Cook has served as CEO since 1988 and chairman of the board since 1995. Under his leadership, Somerset Trust Company won the Cambria County Economic Summit Award and was named one of the Best Banks to Work for in the United States.

Mr. Cook has demonstrated his commitment to our community not only through his professional work, but also through his dedication to service—including as the former president of the Somerset Volunteer Fire Department, a member of the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium board of directors, and as co-chairman of the Somerset County Community Foundation. He also was an integral leader in the creation of the Flight 93 National Memorial.

Additionally, Mr. Cook has invested in mentoring future generations. He has served as an adjunct associate professor at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, Saint Vincent College, and Saint Francis University, in addition to teaching courses for the Small Business Development Center and the American Institute of Banking.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate G. Henry Cook and thank him for his outstanding commitment to our community. His hard work and dedication have made an indelible impact on the Johnstown community and beyond. As he is inducted into the Greater Johnstown/Cambria County Business Hall of Fame, I wish Mr. Cook continued health, happiness, and success in the chapters to come.

MICHAEL R. ALTENBERG

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael R. Altenberg who passed away on May 19, 2021.

Mike was born in Chicago to Jerome and Goldie Altenberg. In 1951, he joined family members and a close friend to start Perlmutter and Sons, a prestressed and precast concrete company. In 1952, the company bought property at 58th and Pecos in Adams County. Perlmutter and Sons became Prestressed Concrete of Colorado before eventually becoming Stanley Structures, which spanned the Rocky Mountain West, Texas, Arizona and Canada, and employed more than 2,000 people. My dad, Leonard Perlmutter, served as CEO of Stanley Structures for many years. It was a union business from top to bottom and was instrumental in building thousands of structures including airports, resorts, roads and bridges, federal and state installations and laboratories, military bases, apartments, warehouses, office buildings, shopping centers, and hospitals.

Mike joined the family when he married Roslyn Perlmutter. They had four children: Rick (Mary), Jim (Carole), Barb (Steve) and Judy (Bruce) and many grandchildren. His wife Roz passed away November 8, 2001.

Mike then married Libby Bortz and for many years they have lived among friends at the Wind Crest Retirement Community. Mike valiantly fought through various life-threatening issues over the past decade.

Mike was a beloved and devoted husband and was a loving father and grandfather. He

never missed a moment in the lives of his children and never missed a moment to celebrate his wife. He was brilliant, honest, and kind. I appreciate his lifetime of service to our community.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER AND SERVICE OF CHIEF ROBERT TARDIF

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of a distinguished public servant in my district, Chief Robert Tardif. On June 12, 2021, Chief Tardif celebrates an incredible milestone of 50 years in service to the Baltic Fire Engine Company, No. 1. While it is an honor to reflect upon and commemorate graceful and dedicated tenure of Chief Tardif, it should be emphasized that his service as an essential community leader will only continue from here.

Born in the Taftville section of Norwich in 1956, Robert was inspired at an early age to public safety from his Father who also served as a firefighter—in both Norwich and Sprague, Connecticut—for an entire 66 years. An instrumental figure in his life, Robert's father served until his passing. Five years after his family moved to Sprague, Robert began his career of public service at the age of 15 as a Firefighter Cadet for the Baltic Fire Engine Company No. 1. After three years as a cadet, he was accepted by a unanimous vote to become a full-time firefighter. The rest is history. Robert climbed the ranks of the department as he braved years of danger on the front lines fighting fires and assisting in an array of other public safety missions including the 1994 ice flood, which resulted in significant damage to the downtown area of Sprague. Chief Tardif was crucial in the ensuing rescue missions in that disaster and helped get rescue boats to residents in danger of drowning from the incredible floods.

As a firefighter, it has always been ingrained in Chief Tardif to put others before himself. As a member of the local and essential workforce community, however, there was no one in better standing to become Chief of the fire department than him when he took the reins in 1999. Chief Tardif has not only fought for his department against fire and calamity but has worked to ensure that his team and department are best equipped to serve the public to the best of their ability. I know this to be true as he has personally worked with my office on numerous occasions to attain FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grants to ensure his units are equipped and prepared for safety with the most up-to-date protective and emergency gear.

When not serving Sprague, Robert serves the common good through his work as a union carpenter with United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local 1302.

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